

(08-19-14 Budget Workshop)

**MINUTES OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUDGET WORKSHOP 6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners convened in a budget workshop on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., in the County Commission Chambers at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

PRESENT: Chairman Riddick, Commissioner Sellars, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Lewis, and Commissioner Chandler.

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Carter, County Manager; Rachel Rhoden, Deputy County Manager; Will Sexton, County Attorney; Ray Norman, Clerk; Jim Farrell, Finance Director; Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk; Brian Johns, Emergency Management Director; Dean Bennett, Facility Maintenance Director; Sgt. Ray Shuford, Communications Director; Pete Gianas, Medical Director; Paul Funderburk, Road Superintendent; Tim Wilson, CED; Teresa Phillips, Tax Collector; Marie Dyal, Administrative Assistant; Sheriff Smith; Donny Wise, Solid Waste Director; Kelly Canady, Community Development Director; Randy Andrews, Zoning Director; Rod Crawford, Building Code Administrator.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Riddick called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

**PRESENTATION REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE AND LAW
ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY DISPATCH SYSTEM--SHERIFF SMITH:**

Sheriff Smith presented a proposal to purchase software and increase staff to enhance the emergency medical, fire and law enforcement dispatch system. The software company is a sole-source vendor ([Memorandum of Sole Source](#)), "Priority Dispatch Corporation" in Salt Lake City, Utah ([Sales Quote](#)).

Sheriff Smith gave a detailed explanation of the benefits of the enhanced software, reviewed the up front and recurring costs, and identified the revenue sources associated with the proposal. ([Spreadsheet provided.](#))

Dr. Gianas approached the Commission and endorsed the Priority Dispatch System.

DIRECTIVE: There was a consensus to budget the cost of the enhanced software in the 2014-2015 budget as presented.

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COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Riddick

- Asked the Commission to consider budgeting \$10,000.00 for park equipment in Speedville.

Discussion ensued, which was not limited to but included an equitable distribution of recreation funds for each district and engaging a grant writer on a percentage basis. (There was not a consensus to budget \$10,000.00 for Speedville.)

Commissioner Chandler

- Addressed the accretion of fiscally constrained funds.
- Expressed his disappointment with the fact that no public attended the budget workshop.

Commissioner Thomas

- County staff and the Commission have done a tremendous job saving money without a lot of frills.

Commissioner Sellars

- Expressed her disappointment that there are no funds for employee raises in the 2014-2015 budget. She asked the Commission to make employee raises a priority during the 2015-2016 budget planning process.

Commissioner Lewis

- Expressed his appreciation to the Board and staff for a tremendous job on the budget.
- Based on what he has heard, advised that Bradford County should not expect any more funds from the Tri-County Landfill.

Commissioner Thomas addressed the Bradford County landfill closure escrow funds for long-term care. This incited some discussion.

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- Mr. Carter advised that Solid Waste Director Donny Wise has specified a need for **a new roll-off truck**, at an estimated cost of \$155-\$160,000. Mr. Wise expounded on the need for a new truck.

Following brief discussion, Mr. Carter advised that if there are no objections, staff will get with Finance and try to work it into the budget. (There was no objection to budgeting the funds for a new roll-off truck.)

- Discussion then focused on **equipment for the Road Department**. Mr. Carter advised that a committee appointed by Chairman Riddick (Commissioner Thomas, Mr. Funderburk and the Road Department heavy equipment mechanic) is looking for a replacement for the Challenger tractor. It appears that there is enough in "New Equipment" to cover the cost, rather than asking for more funding. (The Challenger will not be replaced, but used as a back up.)

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Commissioner Thomas inquired about purchasing a pre-owned machine, rather than a new one. This would make funds available to purchase several pieces of equipment for the price of one.

Discussion ensued which was not limited to but included "used" equipment versus "new" equipment.

There was a consensus for the committee to continue to search for equipment and make a recommendation to the Commission.

- Based on earlier discussion regarding the **Recreation Budget**, Mr. Carter asked for clarification regarding the **budget allocation for recreation**.

Discussion ensued.

DIRECTIVE: Recreation Budget:

- \$15,000.00 - Athletic Associations
- An additional \$10,000.00 for parks, to be equitably distributed by district on an as-needed basis.
- Consider contracting with a grant writer to procure grants for recreational parks.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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DANIEL RIDDICK, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD

Minutes prepared by Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk

Minutes approved by BOCC at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of _____.